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The Discriminating Veto-Again. The proposition to confer upon the President of the United States what is called the discriminating-veto power is not new. It was made years ago; and, as we have said heretofore, it was at first regarded with great favor. Indeed. it has not a few advocates even now. The Boston Herald, whilst pronouncing a recent article of ours on this subject "temperate and able," almost spoils the compliment by adding that that article contained the "first objection" to the scheme which that paper had seen. Our Boston contemporary comments as follows: "The bestowal of authority to exer-

cise discrimination in signing appropriation bills would not, strictly speaking, give to the President any new power. He can veto the whole of an appropriation bill now. How can it be called an increase of his power to permit him to veto parts of it? It would double his power. Is the

new amendment to be advocated upon the ground that it curtails his power? By no means. It would make him both President and Congress. It would unite in him both legislative and executive functions. Let us illustrate : The Senate now passes upon all House bills. It can alter or amend them, or refuse to pass any portion of them ; but if it alters or amends them, they must be returned to the House of Representatives for further consideration in this body. Suppose now that we amend the Constitution so as to give the Senate power to strike out any item in such bills and make a law of the rest without the consent of the lower house : isn't it too plain for argument that the latter body would be dwarfed, and the Senate clothed with ten times the power it now has? Who would advocate such an amendment to the Constitution? Who H. D." argues from this that the Legiswould dare to propose thus to treat tives? Nobody; and yet it would seem furnish books free to all children, to be much more reasonable to confer a power so far-reaching and tremendous upon the seventy-six senators than upon the single occupant of the Executive

Our Boston contemporary asks how it can be called an increase of his power to permit the President to veto parts of a bill all of which he can now veto? Well, that's amusing. If it isn't an increase of his power-nay, giving him an entirely new power without taking away any part of his old power.-we ask what in the name of common sense is it? We need not argue that point.

It is true the members of Congress have the power to discriminate. It is their right and duty as legislators. If the President ought to have that power because they have it, he ought for the same reason to have the power to add new items to a bill. They have this power. But who would advocate this proposition? And yet if the legislative and executive departments are to be mixed up as proposed, the President might as well have this power too. This is all that he would lack of being an autocrat if he were clothed with the discriminating-veto power. The President now has ten times as much power as the Queen of England. Give him that veto, and he will be as mighty and as dictatorial and as unapproachable as the Czar of all the Russias.

We do not impugn the President's patriotism when we say we would not trust him to pass upon items in a riverand-harbor bill. The New York editors ridicule appropriations to all rivers not known to themselves. A President is no better than an editor. Mr. CLEVE-LAND has no idea that Staunton river tional Government.

Our Boston contemporary proceeds : "Congress could, by a two-thirds vote, reinstate any item disapproved by the President. If he should be moved the President. If he should be moved in his action by narrow local feeling or other unjustifiable reason, Congress could, and no doubt would, overrule him. But under the present log-rolling system of legislation members are often obliged, as Senator Hoar admitted, to vote for improper items in order to secure the appropriation of sums that are proper and necessary."

The Herald must be joking. As

we said the other day, the log-rolling would be immeasurably increased by a discriminating veto. It would be necossery to buy with appropriations to little rivers one sixth more votes. It is only necessary now to get 163 votes in the House of Representatives. If the President had the discriminating vote, it would be presented to the present the results of justice, create implied limitations upon the law-making authority as strong as though a negative was expressed in each instance. If the president had the discriminating vote, it would be presented to the presented to the processes of the presented to the processes of the presented to the processes of the presented to the creation of the executive authority, the creation of the executive authority as a processes of the principal courts of justice, create implied limitations upon the law-making authority as strong as though a negative was expressed in each instance. This is not guess-work. A number of river-and-harbor bills have in past the bill by a twe-thirds vote. We

dwelt upon this point the other day.

The more we reflect upon the matter the less we like the discriminating veto.

niquity when the full light of truth is urned upon them. Our Military-Again

The Finance Committee of the City

Council have unanimously agreed to

ommend an appropriation of \$1,500 to the First Virginia regiment, and it is to be hoped that the Council will make the appropriation. That the Council ought to do this does not, we think, admit of question. Certainly it would seem that they could not make an appropriation that would be more heartily endersed the tax-payers. The amount a mere bagatelle compared with what is annually appropriated in many cities not so large as Richmond for the purpose of keeping their military organizations upon an effective footing. If the time should ever come when a regiment was needed, and we should have none, our citizens might be brought to realize the fact that "an ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure." Richmond is one of the most law-abiding cities in the United States. It is true that our respect for the law is due in large measure to the natural conservatism of our citizens, but it is none the less true that it is also due in great measure to the fact that almost from the time of its incorporation Richmond has been a military place. The knowledge that there has always been behind the law, and ready to answer its summons at a mo ment's notice, a body of well-drilled soldiery has caused the rashest to think before acting. Those that see the First regiment "playing soldier' on the Fourth of July and other holidays should remember that on more than one occasion since the war the women and children of the city would have passed a sleepless night but for its existence. If any man in the city is willing to take the risk the dis-

the pittance they ask. The School-Book Question The following is from a gentleman universally recognized as one of the foremost lawyers in Virginia : To the Editor of the Dispatch :

banding of the regiment would involve.

let him ask the female members of his

family what they think about the mat-

ter. He would soon find out that wo-

man's partiality for the soldier is based

upon a much more solid foundation

than a fancy for brass buttons and

I desire to add a few words to the discussion contained in your editorial of the 30th of December with "J. H D." on the subject of the constitutional power of the Legislature to furnish school-books free beyond the require ment of section 8, Article VIII., of the State Constitution that " provision shall be made to supply children attending the public free schools with necessary textbooks in cases where the parent or guardian is unable by reason of poverty

o furnish them." You and your correspondent both recognize the elementary rule that the tive power not denied them by the terms of the written Constitution. "J. | cratic Administration." lature, not being expressly prohibited whether indigent or not.

You reply that such a provision in the Constitution by implication prohibits the Legislature from going beyond the express words of the section.

plication as well as by expression, but it seems to me that a fuller expo-sition of the "elementary rule" adverted to would do away with an appeal to "implication."

The rule not only is that all power not denied by the written Constitution is in the people's representatives, but it is also true that the Legislature politics. is bound by the mandatory provisions of the Constitution, and further, that wherever the people in their written Constitution have made entire provision for a subject-having made complete provision for that subject-no other or greater provision can be made by the Legislature.

The Constitution, when it declares the will of the people upon any matter, must alone be looked to, and nothing can be added to or taken away from the just meaning of its words. It is among the most of modern political heresies to mill shut down on the 4th of last say, as some in these days do, that a March. written constitution grows.

Using your own apt illustrations When the Constitution says "there shall be a board of education, composed of the Governor, Superintendent of Instruction, and the Attorney-General," it makes all provision that can be made for the constitution of the board and when it says "the militia of this State shall consist of able-bodied male persons between the ages of eighteen and forty-five," it thereby defines who shall constitute the militia of the State, and no one else can constitutionally be a member of it. These cannot be said to be deductions merely implied from the words of the Constitution, but they are, under the rule before stated, the plain mandates of the organic law.

So when in section 2, Article VI. the Constitution says, "The Supreme Court of Appeals shall consist of five judges," it as clearly confines the num-ber to five as if it had added "and no more." And this, although in the next sentence it says, "It shall have appel-late jurisdiction only except," &c. The limit to jurisdiction would here have been as definitely expressed as if the word only had been omitted. Chief-Justice Deviso, in People vs. Draper, 15 New York, 543, states the proposi-

tion very clearly when he says:

"Every positive direction contains an implication against everything contrary to it, or which would frustrate or disappoint the purposes of that provi-sion. The frame of government, the grant of legislative power itself, the organization of the executive authori-

I do not mean to say that the particular question you were discussing is free from doubt, or that a great deal may not be said on both sides as to what section 8, Article VIII., really means, and whether full provision was there intended to be made for that subject; but, I think, read in the light of the rule of construction as I have given it, there is much more than a mere implied negative contained in the words of the Constitution.

cle VIII., declares that it shall be "for the equal benefit of all the people of the State," there is no word in that or any other section of the Constitution which confines the benefit to the people of this

I hardly think the courts would racognize the right of the Legislature to tax the people of this State for the ben-efit of the children of residents of West Virginia or North Carolina along our State line. Indeed, when it comes to adding about \$300,000 per annum to the taxes to be paid by the people, so that those amply able and willing to pay for them should have school-books furnished free, the tax-payers are apt to inquire anxiously why this promise was put into the platform of both political parties.

Cincinnati Frands. We discussed the Hamilton-county case, which was recently decided in favor of the Democrats, in the light o the State Constitution, and without reference to whether there had or had not been frauds committed in the election of the persons the title to whose seats was involved in the case. We confess that we had a suspicion that frauds had been committed by the Democrats, so boldly and persistently was the charge made. It seems that the investigation is still going on in Cincinnati. And the Enquirer of that city tells a tale that ought to open the eyes of the people who have been justifying the usurpation of jurisdiction by the Circuit Court of Hamilton county on the ground that there was no other way in which the frauds could be prevented from effecting the purpose for which they had

been perpetrated. The Enquirer says: "The amazing story of fraud told by Seventh-Ward ballot-box Saturday last has created a panic among the Re publican ringsters. And well it might A more infamous piece of work was never unearthed in a political contest. Here was a ballot-box brought into court, and when opened was found to be absolutely and literally stuffed with fraudulent Republican tickets. The box is from one of the strongholds of the Republicans. How many other boxes have been treated in the same way we have no means of knowing at present. That there are several of them is quite evident. has been to cover up this kind of villainy that the hue and cry has been kept up about Democratic fraud. tinsel. We reiterate there should be It was to cover up and conceal such no question about voting the regiment dastardly work that a court was taken possesion of by a ring of Republicans and run in their interest. The cry of stop thief" has lost its power to The people know where the real thieves are, and they will be brought to justice.'

> The New York Tribune in closing its review of the year 1885 says:

> "The year closes with labor generally well employed, excepting where contests are in progress, and with the outlook for industries decidedly more hopeful than it was a year ago."

The Boston Herald in commenting pon this suggestively heads its article The Truth at Last," and says :

"The unpatriotic attempt of the Resublican organs to make the voters believe that a change of administration would bring disaster upon the country people's representatives have all legisla- was continued for some time after the times began to improve under a Demo-

"It is as we repeatedly told our from doing so, may go beyond the words of section 8, Article VIII., and people is safe in the hands of any majority of the people."

Sound doctrine this last. But some one might say that it is equivalent to admitting that the Government would not have been safe in the hands of the I do not mean, of course, to say that the Constitution does not work by inlong ago to be a Government of and by the people.

BRIEF COMMENT.

DAVID DAVIS says he is out of poli-

It is hardly necessary to remind the Ohio "statesmen" who stumped Vir-

It is evident that the New York Berald has been badly bitten by mad-

"The Pottsville steel-mill has resumed work." The Washington steal-

THEBAW'S New-Year's card was a proclamation annexing Burmah to the Dominions of her Majesty, Queen VIC-

"Hydrophobia hospitals will soon be the rage in this country." HAL-STEAD, REID, and CHARLES EMORY SMITH will not be put to the expense

A rumor has been started that JAMES G. BLAINE will retire from politics. Evidently the man who started the rumor mistook the 1st of January for the 1st of April.

New Book. England as Seen by an American Banker. Notes of a Pedestrian Tour. Boston: D. LOTHROP & Co. Price \$1.50. A book well worth reading.

For sale by the publishers.

Queer Books in a German Library [London Daily News.]
One of the most curiously original collection of books in any library is Warsenstein, in Germany. At first sight the volumes appear like rough blocks of wood; but on closer examination it is found that each is a com plete history of the particular tree which it represents. At the back of the book the bark has been removed from a space large enough to admit the scientific as a title. One side is formed from the split wood of the tree, showing its grain and natural fracture; the other shows the wood when worked smooth and varnished. One and shows the grain as left by the saw, and the other the finely polished wood. On opening the book one finds the fruit, seeds. leaves, and other products of the tree, the moss which usually grows upon its trunks, and the insects which feed upon the various parts of the tree. To all this is added a well-printed description of the habits, usual location, and man-ner of growth of the tree.

The widespread fame of Dr. Bull's Cough Syrup is justly won by its own merits, and the reputation it has gained has been secured by its universal use,

THROUGH THE STATE.

THE NEWS IN DANVILLE. A Pleasant Lodge Meeting-Some Statistics

Fire at Chnik Level-Religious Notes, &c.

dence of the Richmond Dispatch. DANVILLE, January 2, 1886. Bothesda Lodge, No. 57, I. O. O. F., had a big time last night, the occasion being the public installation of officers by Grand Master George W. Vanderslice. A large company of ladies and gentlemen assembled in the pretty lodge-room, and Mr. Vanderslice was assisted by Messrs. J. B. Ley, grand warden, W. Page, grand secretary, and T.

L. Brown, grand treasurer.

The following officers-elect were then installed: S. W. Armistead, noble grand; S. G. Pace, vice-grand; Charles Orchard, secretary; A. T. Burr, Jr., treasurer

Captain Armistead appointed the following subordinate officers: T. O. Kidd, warden; John P. Hart, conductor; L. W. Perdum and B. P. Norton, right-and-left support; J. H. Steinmek and W. H. Wyatt, guards; E. B. Utter, right-seal supporter. Messrs. George T. Fitzgerald and W. A. Baugh were appointed right-and-left supporters to the vice-grand, and B. Law chaplain. Mr. Vanderslice made a short ad-

dress to the company, in which he called attention to the fact that there are in the order 54 grand lodges, 7,845 subordinate lodges, 516,230 memberstotal relief, \$2,111,926; and total reve nue, \$5,274,307. He felt sure if the ladies all knew what good things the order is doing they would make an their men-folks join the ranks.

Captain Armistead returned thanks for the address and invited the guests to draw nigh and eat of the splendid supper which had been spread, and as hour was late enough to sharpen the appetite the table soon looked like it had encountered a gale of wind.

Bethesda Lodge has 70 members and collects about \$800 during the year. It was established in 1847. The residence of Mr. F. Morchler near Chalk Level, was destroyed by fire some days ago. Loss, \$5,000; insurance, \$2,000.

A movement is on foot here to estab lish a workingman's reading-room. The young men's prayer-meetings at the Main-Street Methodist Episcopal church are largely attended, and the interest manifested in them is some

thing like an inspiration.

It is said that Judge Davis, o Pittsylvania, claims that his term of office does not expire until January, 1887, and that he will surrender to his successor under protest and take the matter to the courts.

A week of prayer will be observed here by all Protestant churches, beginning Monday afternoon at Mount Vernon church. The old house in which President

Davis had his headquarters just before

the close of the war yields to the inevitable, and will soon give place to a modern brick building.

The remains of a colored woman have recently been discovered near Dry It is thought that she was mur dered, though no clue has been estab-

ROCKINGHAM COUNTY.

ELIA.

The Trouble in the Treasurer's Office-

Great Surprise-Religious. espondence of the Richmond Dispatch. HARRISONBURG, VA., Jan. 1, '86. The all-absorbing topic in our town and county at this time is the difficulty in the county treasurer's office. A large number of people come to town each day to see if any new developments have been made, but as yet no definite figures have been given to th public as to the status of affairs. now generally thought that Mr. Ster-ling is of unsound mind. For a number of months before his troubles were brought to the attention of the public his mental condition was observed and remarked about by a number of persons having dealings with his office. His real and personal property, it is believed, will foot up \$20,000, and it is thought he will make a full and complete surrender to make good any deficiency that may be found. The great puzzle in the matter to these who know Mr. Sterling is what has become of the money, in case the shortage should prove as great as is claimed by many No man in our midst was ever supposed to be more free from anything approach ing speculation than Mr. Sterling. He lived quietly, frugally, and unostentatiously. He was always at his office, a member of the Board of Stewards of the Methodist Episcopal church, South. and in all things has been looked upon as a model man.

The county fixed on Wednesday last to appoint Mr. Sterling's successor, but there was no one prepared to give the bond (\$200,000), and the appointment was postponed until Monday next. T. K. Harnsberger, J. P. Swank, and Peter W. Reherd, all wealthy and wellknown men of the county, are spoken of for the place, and doubtless one or

the other will receive it. A revival meeting is now in progress in the Methodist church here, under the control of Rev. J. W. Howell, of the Virginia Conference, and indications point to a long continuance and much

The new year starts with a day almost springlike in these parts. K.

Visitors-"Old Sorrel"-Sunday-School Entertainments - Handsome Present - Bart Burnt-Jackson-Memorial Fund-Appoint meut.

A good many Lexingtonians living it other sections came to their old home to spend Christmas.

Dr. Edward Randall, of Texas, is or a visit here. He was once a student of Washington and Lee University.

Miss Belle White, daughter of Professor White, has gone to Louisville, Ky., on a visit to her sister, Mrs. Helm

Our partridge sportsmen have not much more time this season, for by the 15th of this month, according to law, they must stop shooting.

Professor Strider, who has been quite

unwell for some weeks, is so much improved in health that he met his classes again on Wednesday.

The Methodist Sunday school had their Christmas-tree last evening. It was a very pleasant affair, and the young folks enjoyed their beautiful gifts and good things.

The Baptist Sunday school had on

yesterday evening a sumptuous feast of turkey, bam, and other meats, with confectioneries, cake, &c. The ban-quet was preceded by singing, dia-logues, &c. It is said to have been a

delightful entertainment.

Professor Nelson, who for many years has been the leader of the Presbyterian choir, received as a Christmas gift from members of that church a handsome crimson-plush chair as an expression of appreciation of his services in con

ducting the service of song.

The barn of Mr. W. H. McCorkle, of this county, was accidentally burned a night or two ago. The loss was soout

meeting to-morrow afternoon at the Franklin Hall to arrange to assist in raising Lexington's contribution toward the Jackson

the Jackson-monument fund.

Mr. William H. Barclay, who has been an acting post-office inspector, has just been commissioned for a full term. Professor Varner, of Ellicott City High School, has been spending his holiday with his relatives here.

PETERSBURG AND VICINITY.

A Deliberate Sulcide-Severing an Arters with a Razer-War on the Sunday Lique Traffic, &c. Correspondence of the Richmond Dispatch.

PETERSBURG, Jan. 2, 1886. Richard L. Cooney, a fireman on poard one of the United States ironclads at City Point, committed suicide last night. He had complained of hearttrouble, and feared that death would result from that cause. He had, however, manifested no intimation of any intention to take his life. It is stated that during the evening he gave his watch and chain to one of the sailors, and subsequently went down into the en-gine-room, where he drew the sharp blade of a razor across his left wrist severing the artery and vein, and bled to death. When discovered his condition was beyond relief, though the surgeon of the fleet was promptly called to his assistance. The act seems to have been one of deliberate purpose. and the belief is that it was con because the unfortunate man was weary

Father Farrell, pastor of St. Joseph's church, is using every effort to break up the Sunday traffic in liquor here, in which he will receive the hearty support and cooperation of the Christian people of the community, and. it is hoped, of the municipal authorities. The scenes sometimes witnessed on the streets on Sunday are disgraceful.

The weather during the past three weeks has been so fine that the farmers throughout this section are well advanced in fallowing their lands for the spring crops.

The peanut-planters are very de spondent over the prices of peanuts, which, they claim, do not pay them for the labor and expense of raising and bringing them to market. For this reason many of them in the lower counties are engaging overseers from the upper counties with the view of engaging this year in the cultivation of tobac ROBIN ADAIR.

NORFOLK AND PORTSMOUTH. Effort to Remove the Norfolk-County Courthouse-Cotton-Life-Saving-The Dolphin. Correspondence of the Rich mond Dispatch.

NORFOLK, January 2, 1886. An effort is again on foot to remove the court-house of Norfolk county from the city of Portsmouth to some more central locality. Judge Parker, who has just gone on the bench, is in favor of it, and so are three members of the ix on the Board of Supervisors. The people have voted on the matter and lecided in favor of the removal, but heretofore the supervisors have opposed it. So did Judge Spalding, who has ust retired.

In his report yesterday for December the superintendent of the Cotton Exchange gives 110,664 bales as the receipts of cotton for the month, against 139,030 bales last year. Shipped to Europe during the month, 62,476 bales.

The repair-men engaged in rebuilding the seacoast telegraph have returned to the city. Near Oregon inlet the washout was greatest. The life-saving station was badly damaged. The house of Mr. Abram Wise was washed off its foundation and the kitchen and contents carried out to sea. Large numbers of sheep and some large cattle were drown-The tide was the highest since when the waters cut through the beach from the sea and formed what is

ow known as Oregon inlet. The wreckers have succeeded in raising the schooner William Franklin, sunk in Pudding creek during the late

The wrecking-steamer Victoria Peed arrived to-day with a load of curbingstone recovered from the schooner Lena Hunter, wrecked off Cape Charles. John Roach's famous war-ship Dolphin is in Hampton Roads, but will not come up to the navy-yard. She is on a trial trip, and got in a gale off Hatteras and behaved badly. She is now awaiting orders, and will go south. The Republicans of the district are

talking of running Captain Thomas M. Hodges, at present State Senator for Norfolk county, for Congress.

Horsford's Acid Phosphate. HUNDREDS OF BOTTLES PRESCRIBED.

Dr. C. R. Dake, Belleville, Ill., says : "I have prescribed hundreds of bottles of it. It is of great value in all forms of nervous disease which are accom-

Since 1829 the firm of W. D. Blair & Co., at 1109 east Main street, have enjoyed the enviable reputation of selling the purest and most reasonable goods in their line-viz., Imported and Domestic Liquors, Teas, Groceries. Tobacco, and Cigars. This is one of the oldest and most reliable houses of

It is very necessary to have good material to make good things. So go at once to W. D. Blair & Co.'s, 1109 east Main street, and secure your Cooking-Wine, Brandy, Rum, Apple Brandy, Sherry, and all imported and domestic Liquors and Groceries.

KIMBROUGH - Wilson, - Married, at the Seventh-Street Christian church, by the Rev. Henry Schell Lobingier, Toesday, De-cember 22, 1885, at 5:30 P. M., WILLIAM J. KIMBROUGH to SUSIE E. WILSON.

FARMER.—Died. January 1st, at 9:30 A. M., at the residence of her grandparents. Frank and Annie I., Beacham, DAISY LEE FUCKER, infant daughter of Mrs. Alexan-ler Farmer.

Darling Daisy, thou hast left us; We our loss most deeply feel; But 'tis God that hast bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal. Her funeral will take place at the resi-lence, 223 Linden street, THIS (Sunday) MORNING at 9 o'clock. Baltimore and Norfolk papers please copy

GOODMAN.—Died. on Saturday, January 2d. at Lynchburg. Va., SOLOMAN GOODMAN, Funeral will take place SUNDAY, January 3d. from Richmond and Danville depot at 4 o'clock P. M. Friends and acquaintances of the family and those of Henry Wallerstein are requested to attend. Washington, Baltimore, and Philadelphia papers please copy.

phia papers please copy.

MARTIN.—Died, on Saturday morning.
January 2, 1886, at 10 o'clock, in Hanover county, MARTIM ADALINE MARTIN, daughter of Martha C, and Parks Martin, in the eleventh year of her age. She leaves a mother, father, four sisters, and three brothers to mourn their loss. Dearest loved one, thou hast left us, We thy loss most deeply feel; But 'tis God that hath bereft us, He can all our sorrows heal.

The funeral will take place TO DAY at 2 o'clock P. M., from the residence, Friends and acquaintances are respectfully invited to attend. PAGE.—Died, yesterday morning, in Lynchburg, Mr. AMRROSE PAGE, in the eighty-second year of his age. Mr. Page was the father of Charles H. Page and Samuel M. Page, of this city.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH. Divine service, with Holy Communion, at 11 A. M. At 4 o'clock P. M., services in

SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH (corner Main and Sixth streets)—Rev. W. W. LANDRUM, D. D., Pastor.—Preaching at 11 A. M. Annual church-meeting at 3:30 P. M. No services at night.

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. MAINED SOLDIERS' RELIEF.

pon and Railroad Bille Introdu Special Court of Appeals-Sale of Detir quent Lands to be Stopped, &c., &c. The Senate met at 12 o'clock M .-Hon. John E. Massey in the chair. Prayer by Rev. W. B. McGilvray.

PARDONS GRANTED. The President laid before the Senate communication from the Governor, transmitting list of pardons, &c., and the reasons therefor. Laid on the table and ordered to be printed.

SALE OF DELINQUENT LANDS. Mr. Koiner, from the Committee on Finance and Banks, reported a joint resolution postponing the sale of delin-quent lands for the period of thirty days from the time prescribed by the law approved March 19, 1884; and directing the Auditor of Public Accounts to inform the various county and corporation treasurers of said delay. Several amendments were proposed and the matter was finally passed by

SCHOOL COMMISSIONERS. The bill amending the law in regard to filling vacancies in the county boards of school commissioners was reported from the Committee on Public Institutions and Education without amendments. It was subsequently taken up and passed.

Mr. Stubbs, from the Committee Fish and Game, reported with an amendment the bill repealing the law for the protection of deer in the counties of Bland and Wythe.

RICHMOND HUDGESHIP. On motion of Mr. Lovenstein. Resolved. That the Committee for Courts of Justice be instructed to enquire and report if there exists any authority for the judge of any other corporation court to hold either the Hustings or Chancery Court of the city of Richmond.

PRESENTED AND REFERRED By Mr. Heaton : The petition of the Mutual Fire-Insurance Company, of Loudoun, for the abolition of certain taxes upon it and other such compa-

By Mr. Thurman : A series of resolutions adopted by a meeting of the citizens of Bedford on the 28th of December last in opposition to the passage by the Legislature of a law to furnish free

books to school-children. By Mr. Gaines: A bill to rearrange and reduce the number of the judicial circuits of the Commonwealth. The bill proposes to so district the State as to make thirteen instead of seventeen districts, and to make each district have

about 82,000 population. By Mr. Coltrane : A bill for the relief of Mr. R. W. Davidson, of Floyd By Mr. Williams: A bill to incor-

porate the Bland-county High School, in the town of Seddon, and to create a sub-school district in Bland county, and for other purposes. By Mr. Staples : A bill prescribing a time within which coupons shall b

received by any officer in payment of

taxes, debts, or demands due the Commonwealth of Virginia. By the same : A bill for the relief of John H. Mathews, clerk of the County and Circuit Courts of Henry, and Lur kin G. Kucker, clerk of the County and Circuit Courts of Patrick and their sureties on their respective bonds as

SCHOOL SUPERINTENDENTS.

On motion of Mr. Stubbs, Resolved, That the Committee for Courts of Justice be instructed to inquire and report to the Senate whether there can be any appointments made for county or city superintendents of schools to fill unexpired terms, or whether appointments, when made, are

Adjourned. House of Delegates. The House met at 12 o'clock M .-Speaker Stuart in the chair.

FROM THE SENATE. The Senate joint resolutions adopted by that body on Friday providing for the printing of the reports of the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia was agreed to. DELINQUENT LANDS.

A joint resolution was presented by Mr. Miller and adopted under a suspen sion of the rules, instructing the Auditor of Public Accounts to postpone all sales of delinquent lands for a period of sixty days, and that he order a suspension of the copying of the delinquenttax lists for a like period. PRESENTED AND REFERRED.

By Mr. Fulkerson: A bill authorizing the construction of a railroad from Goodson to and through the coal mines of Russell, Dickenson, and Buchanan counties. [The proposed road will be about sixty miles long, and will pass through a rich mining section of the State.

By Mr. Payne : A bill for the relief of the sureties of A. F. Curd. By Mr. Munford: A bill to provide

a special court of appeals. [The bill has been carefully prepared upon consultation with such lawyers as Judge Burks and Colonel John H. Guy, and its object is to select five circuit judges by joint vote of the two houses, who shall constitute a special court of appeals, to whom shall be referred for decision a large portion of the business now upon the docket of the Supreme Court. The bill is introduced in consequence of the crowded condition of the calendar of the Supreme Court, which prevents the trial of a cause for several years after it is docketed.]

Bills having the same object in view have been introduced by Mr. Cardwell of Hanover and Mr. Pollard of King and Queen. By Mr. Hay: A bill repealing cer

tain sections of chapter 137 of the Code

of 1873, in relation to laws on usury. By Mr. Roberts : A bill to incorpo rate the Saltville and Cove Plaster-Bank Railroad Company. The road is to begin at Saltville, in Smyth county, and run thence up the Holston Valley, or Poor Valley, as may be deemed best, to the plaster-banks in the Locust Cove. Smyth county. The capital stock shall not be less than \$50,000 nor more than \$500.000.

By Mr. Porter: A bill to incorporate the Powhatan Oyster Company. The corporators named in the bill are William N. Armstroff, James S. Darling, and James McMenamin, of Hampton. The company shall have the right to engage in business when \$10,000 of stock has been subscribed. The object of the company is to establish artificial oyster-beds and breed oysters arti;

ficially.

By Mr. Ryan: A petition of the Mutual Fire Insurance Company, of London, asking a remittance of certain taxes on it and other companies of a similar character.

Norfolk county and exempting the same

By Mr. Dupuy: A bill to compen-sate R. M. Dickinson for certain legal services rendered the Commonwealth. By Mr. Bolen: A bill to give relief to Stanford Stoneman, a disabled sol-(colored), R. H. Batte, George B. George, M. Hessberg, Isaac D. Briggs, C. A. Berrian, John W. Beveridge, By Mr. Porter : A bill giving the co sent of the State to the purchase by the United States of certain real estate in and O. M. Stewart (colored). There

the Columbia Free-Bridge and Ferry Company. This bill proposes to build a free bridge or establish a free ferry over James river at Columbia, on Richmond and Alleghany railroad.

NOT TO BE PUBLISHED. House joint resolut on providing for the publication of names of persons pay

ing taxes in coupons was defeated by the following recorded vote:

Yras,—Mestra Bolen, Carter, Chalmers,
Dabney, Dickenson, Eastwood, Fentress,
Fulkerson (A.), Holladay, Hudman, Johason, Jordan (William I.), Keen, Lawson,
Miller, Nobilin, Peters, Pollard, Sebreil,
Shields, Talinferno, Tavenner, Van Doran,
and Mr. Speaker—24.

Navs.—Mestra, Arnold, Black, Buchaman,
Cardwell, Crismond, Dunlop, Dupay, Figgat, Franklin, Goad, Hay, Jordan (C. F.),
Lightner, Lockett, Loving, McLaudish,
Munford, Nance, Ogiesby, Porter, Fowell,
Roberts, Ryan, Stribling, Terry, Wescott,
and Wilkins—27.

AID FOR DISABLED SOLDIERS. House bill appropriating \$70,000 to pay the claims allowed disabled soldiers and marines under act approved February 25, 1884, was taken up and after a lengthy discussion was passed.

RECOMMITTED.

House joint resolution for the relief of the tax-pavers of this Commonwealth was, on motion of Mr. Bolen recommitted to the Finance Committee Mr. Starke's bill, amending the Code of 1873 in regard to duties of city councils to make appropriations for school purposes, was, on motion of Mr.

Ryan (at Mr. Starke's request), recom-

A large number of bills were ordered

nitted to the Committee on Schools.

to their engrossment and third reading, after which the House adjourned.

BLACKSBURG COLLEGE.

The following gentlemen were ap-

Appointments of Members of the Board by Governor Lee.

pointed as members of the Board of Visitors of the Blacksburg College yesterday by Governor Lee for the term of four years, beginning January, 1886; Colonel John D. H. Ross, of Rockbridge county; General W. H. F. Lee, of Fairfax county: C. E. Vawter, Esq., of Albemarle, and Judge Waller R. Staples, of Montgomery county. Colonel Ross was for a long time a mem ber of the Executive Committee of the State Agricultural Society, and was also president of the Rockbridge Agricultural Society. He possesses fine executive ability. General W. H. F. Lee a son of General R. E. Lee, and a cousin of the Governor, and is well-known throughout the State. He was a member of the State Senate for several years was also an active member of the Ex-ecutive Committee of the Virginia State Agricultural Society, and served one term as its president. Mr. C. E. Vawter is the President of the Miller Manual. Labor School of Albemarle, Hon. Waller R. Staples is one of the ablest and most patriotic of Virginians, and has a splendid record as a judge and lawver and faithful public servant.

These are all the places on the Board be filled just now. The Board of Visitors meet in this ity on the 6th of January.

Senate Clerks Appointed.

Dr. J. Dudley Pendleton. Clerk of he Senate, has appointed Mr. S. I. Bloomberg, one of the Senate's committee clerks, as his first assistant, to succeed Mr. J. Foote Johnson, who has en appointed first clerk in the Treaorer's office. The resignation of Mr. Johnson, Mr. A. E. King (who was elected judge of Fluvanna county), an of Judge Isaac H. Christian, and the promotion of Mr. Bloomberg, necessitated the appointment of three new committee clerks. Dr. Pendleton has appointed Mr. — Miller, of Wise county; Mr. William G. Jones, and ty, the last a brother of Judge Waller Judge Samuel Staples, of Henry coun-. Staples and father of Senator Staples. The newly-appointed clerks have not yet had their respective committee assigned them.

Venable-Street Baptist Sunday School The annual festival of this Sanday school took place Thursday night. The chapel was densely packed with scholar and friends of the school. After the usual exercises on such occasions prizes were awarded to the scholars who had been the successful contestants; after which Mr. G. D. Pearman presented the retiring superintendent, Mr. Norvell Ryland, with a very handsome present as a token of their appreciation for past services. The superintendent-elect, Mr. G. D. Pearman, was the recipient of a very large, if not hand ome present. Below are the officers elected for the ensuing year: Superintendent, G. D. Pearman; Assistant Superintendent, J. E. Hall; Secretary, W. F. Knauff; Assistant Secretary L. Gathright; Treasurer, F. M. Haw kins; Librarian, William Baily; Or ganist, W. A. Gathright.

The Clopton-Street Baptist Sunday school, Manchester, gave its annual Christmas celebration Friday night, at which the neat and attractive chapel was filled with members of the school and their friends. The exercises were very interesting and the music unusually good. The efficient superintendent, B. A. Hancock, was presented by the school with a very handsome buggy-robe; the pastor, Rev. Decatur Edwards, was presented by the church with a beautiful shaving-case, and one of the teachers, Mrs. Reams, was presented by the members of her class with a pretty silver cup. The occasion was enjoyed by all present. Thi growing school starts the new year under very favorable circumstances.

Virginia's Fishing Interests A joint meeting of the Senate Cor mittee on Fish and Game and the House Committee on the Chesapeake and its Tributaries was announced to have been held at 10 o'clock yesterday morning to hear the views of Colonel M. McDon ald, Commissioner of Fisheries of Virginia. No meeting was had. Another meeting is now announced for next

Wednesday afternoon. Colonel McDonald has recently stocked the York, Potomac, Dan, and Rivanna rivers and their tributaries with German carp. To do this effectively required 5,900 fish. He says that in two years these fish will average two pounds each.

"The genuine original Mikado" will be produced at the Theatre to-morrow night and continue for four nights and Wednesday matinée. It is claimed that the principal artists who took part in the first production of Gilbert and Sullivan's latest opera will appear in the play here, and a grand performance is

promised. It comes highly recom-

mended and will doubtless draw fine

audiences, as the Mikado has already become quite a favorite in Richmond.

The box-sheet is open and the seats are

The following grand jury has been summoned for the January term of the Hustings Court which commences to-morrow: John H. Rose, Abner Cooley

being rapidly reserved.

mistress of McHenry county, is the ha-roine of the Missouri slope. Miss Franklin was sleeping in a shack which she had built upon her claim when she was awakened by the crackling noise of the prairie fire. Looking out across the plain, she saw the dancing flame. skimming across the prairie. The bray girl knew that her neighbors, living a half mile distant, were away from home. and the fire would soon envelop the house, barn, hay, and grain. Jumping from her bed, she hurried away to the ow log barn, in which the farmer's

extra team was tied. Harnessing the

plough, and before the fire had reached

he premises she had turned several

furrows and formed a fire-break which

saved the property. What a sub-

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